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5/15/67

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (9-100)

RE: [REDACTED] US COURT OF APPEALS,  
SDNY - VICTIM  
EXTORTION  
OO-NY

Enclosed for Bureau and Los Angeles are xerox copies of a letter and the two envelopes received by victim.

On 5/15/67, [REDACTED] Judge KAUFMAN furnished [REDACTED] with two letters received by Judge KAUFMAN. Both letters were postmarked 5/13/67 at Culver City, California and bore return address of [REDACTED]. One letter was addressed to victim at his residence and the other was addressed to victim at his office. Each letter contained two identical xerox copies of an article from the Los Angeles Times of 5/13/67, above which was typed message to victim. Printed under typewritten message to victim are Hebrew characters, believed to represent a proverb from Talmud, "if I don't take care of myself who will", in addition to the beginning of a prayer for the dead in Yiddish, "Oh God of Mercy". Copies of above letter were also noted to have been sent to the White House.

In view of Judge KAUFMAN's close relationship with the NYO and in view of the fact that Judge KAUFMAN will be in Los Angeles on and off during the period 7/6 - 8/23/67, Los Angeles requested to review indices and interview [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] to determine if he constitutes any threat to the well being of Judge KAUFMAN.

Los Angeles will also alert Secret Service and appropriate law enforcement agency covering Culver City as to letter received by victim.

3-Bureau (Encs. 3)

2-Los Angeles (Enc. 3)

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NY will review indices and upon receipt of results of Los Angeles investigation, will present to USA, SDNY, and furnish summary of investigation conducted in LHM to Bureau for appropriate dissemination.

JUDGE Irving R. KAUFMAN Esquire 1185 Park Ave. NY 10028  
US Court House (2nd Circ. Ct. App) Foley Sq. NY 10007

cc, White House Wash DC

Esteemed Sir,

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Please help me in my agonizing perplexity; since the P.O. is not altogether reliable, RESPONDBY REGISTERED MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY.

Respectfully,

post scriptum: I have lost my ~~name~~ ASN, perhaps it was with my blood in africa, italy, or france. J. Edgar can get it for you.

Los Angeles Times  
Sat. May 13, 1967

## JOHNSON ANGUISH

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And then, as the story was disclosed Friday, he said to Luci: "Your daddy may go down in history as having started World War III."

### Power of Prayer

A year before, Luci had been converted to Catholicism and her belief in the power of prayer was strong.

She suggested to her father that perhaps prayers would help. In fact, she suggested that they go immediately to "my little monks," as the President has since related to friends and associates.

The President agreed.

Nugent placed a card to St. Dominic's Church asking that the church be kept open for a visit between 10-11 a.m.

newly redeveloped area of southwest Washington behind a cluster of gleaming marble government buildings.

One of the Dominican brothers who maintain the building opened the church and at 10:30, Mr. Johnson, Lady Bird, Luci and Nugent, accompanied by a carload of secret servicemen, arrived.

They prayed before the main altar under the sculptured Pietà hanging from the ceiling. After a half-hour they returned to the White House.

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and that there had been no mishaps.

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### Soviet Writer Dies

MOSCOW (A) — Lev Sheinin, Soviet playwright and fiction writer well-known here for his detective stories, has died of a heart attack at age 61, the official Soviet News Agency Tass reported.

## RESIDENT'S WORLD WAR YEARS TOLD

STUART H. LOONY  
Washington

WASHINGTON — There was a warm Tuesday evening last June when President Johnson sat alone in the White House anguished over the possibility that the story would record him as the man who started World War III. Half a world away, under his orders, U.S. forces were making their first strike at the oil dumps in the North Vietnamese port city of Haiphong. The raid was fought with great danger.

For example, bombs from one of the planes went astray and hit a Soviet freighter in the harbor. It was like that, the President felt, could the two nuclear superpowers to an exchange of blows.

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Judge Irving R. KAUFMAN Esquire 1165 Park Ave. NY 10028  
US Courthouse(2nd Circ.Ct.App) Foley Sq. NY 10007

cc, WhiteHouse WashDC

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Respectfully,

post scriptum: I have lost my ~~see~~ Ash, perhaps it was with my blood in africa, italy, or france. J. Edgar can get it for you.

10 Washington Times  
Sat-Sun, May 13, 1957

## PRESIDENT'S WORLD WAR YEARS TOLD

BY STUART H. LECHE  
WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON — There was a warm Friday evening last June when President Johnson sat alone in the White House anguished over the possibility that history would record him as the man who started World War III. Half a world away, under his orders, U.S. jets were making their first strike at the oil dumps in the North Vietnamese port city of Haiphong. The roll was being unrolled with great dignity.

Suppose, for example, the bombs from one of these planes went astray and hit a Soviet ship? Or, for that matter, suppose the jets, the way they could, hit the two nuclear plants in an exact spot?

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The soon-to-be-married Luci asked her father what the trouble was. He explained that at that very moment, in the mid-morning hours in Vietnam, the attack planes were in the air. He explained the danger.

And then, as the story was chronicled Friday, he said to Luci:

"You daddy may go down in history as having started World War III."

### Power of Prayer

A year later, Luci had been converted to Catholicism and her belief in the power of prayer was strong.

She suggested to her father that a church prayer would help. In fact, he suggested that they go down to the "Holy Place" in the Dominican Republic to consult with the priest.

The President agreed. Not only did he and Luci go to the church, but he also went to the church for a while. Luci said she was not sure.

newly redeveloped area of southwest Washington behind a cluster of gleaming marble government buildings.

One of the Dominican brothers who maintain the building opened the church and at 10:30, Mr. Johnson, Lady Bird, Luci and Nugent, accompanied by a cohort of secret servicemen, arrived.

They prayed before the main altar under the sculptured Maria hovering from the ceiling. After a half-hour they returned to the White House.

The next morning, Luci entered her father's bedroom and reminded him he should attend and respond.

The President told Luci that the roll on the oil dumps had been a success.

and that there had been no mishaps.

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MOSCOW (U) — Lev Shtalin, Soviet playwright and fiction writer well-known here for his dramatic works, has died of a heart attack at age 61, the official Soviet News Agency has reported.

No further remarks

JUDGE Irving R. KAUFMAN Esquire 1185 Park Ave. NY 10023  
US Court House (2nd Circ. Ct. App) Foley Sq. NY 10007

cc, White House Wash DC

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Respectfully,

[REDACTED]

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post scriptum: I have lost my ASD, perhaps it was with my blood in africa, italy, or france. J. Edgar can get it for you.

EL MOLE RASHIDIN  
J. M. P. N. D. N.

10 Los Angeles Times 12  
FRI MAY 13, 1957

## JOHNSON ANGUISH

### PRESIDENT'S WORLD WAR YEARS TOLD

BY STANTON H. LOORY  
WASHINGTON

There was a warm twilight evening last June when President Johnson sat alone in the White House and pondered the possibility that history would record him as the man who started World War III.

With a world at war, under his orders, U.S. jets were making their first strike at the oil fields in the North Vietnamese port city of Haiphong. The raid was fought with great dan-

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tion was apparent when she and her fiancé, Patrick Nugent, returned to the White House from a date.

The soon-to-be-married Lucie asked her father what the trouble was. He explained that at that very moment, in the mid-morning hours in Vietnam, the attack planes were in the air. He explained the danger.

And then, as the story was disclosed Friday, he said to Lucie:

"You really may go down in history as having started World War III."

Power of Prayer

A year before, Lucie had been converted to Catholicism and her belief in the power of prayer was strong.

She suggested to her father that perhaps prayers would help. In fact, she suggested that they go immediately to "my little church" as the President had often called his favorite place of worship.

The President agreed. He went to St. Francis Church, saying that the church had been for a while his own "little church."

newly redeveloped area of southwest Washington behind a cluster of gleaming marble government buildings.

One of the Dominican brothers who maintain the building opened the church and at 10:30, Mr. Johnson, Lady Bird, Luci and Nugent, accompanied by a cohort of secret servicemen, arrived.

They prayed before the main altar and the sculptured Pietà hanging from the ceiling. After a half-hour they returned to the White House.

The next morning, Lucie entered her father's bedroom and remarked that he appeared relaxed and refreshed.

The President told Lucie that she still on the old August 1st had a success.

and that there had been no mishaps.

"You see," she reportedly answered, "that's what my little men can do for you."

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MOSCOW (AP) — Lev Shalagin, Soviet playwright and fiction writer well-known here for his dramatic works, has died of a heart attack at age 61, the official Soviet News Agency has reported.

No-forget machine



PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE  
THIS SLIP FROM EXHIBIT

JUDGE 100-4574-111 1185 Park Ave. NTKY 10023  
US Courthouse (2nd Ctr. Ct. App) Policy Sq. NTKY 10007  
Respected Sir,

cc, Whitehouse Wash DC

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10 Los Angeles Times  
1961 MAY 13, 1967

## JOHNSON ANGUISH

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"Your daddy may go down in history as having started World War III."

Power of Prayer  
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She suggested to her father that perhaps prayers would help. In fact, she suggested that they go immediately to "my holy mother," as the President brother referred to Ireland and her church.

The President agreed. He sent a call to St. Bernard's Church asking that the church hold mass for a victim of the war.

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Half a world away, under his colors, U.S. troops were making their first strike at the oil dunes in the North Vietnamese port city of Haiphong. The raid was fraught with great danger.

Support, for example, the President from one of those "I want to see the world as a better place" kind of a speech. He said, "I could see the two nuclear powers to an end."

The President's eyes

PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE  
THIS SLIP FROM EXHIBIT

Judge Irving, 194-115-79-21, Park Ave. N.Y. 10023  
US Courthouse (2nd Circ. Ct. Bldg) Policy Sq. N.Y. 10007

cc, WhiteHouse WashDC

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Respectfully,

post scriptum: I have lost my ~~name~~ <sup>name</sup>, perhaps it was with my blood in africa, italy, or france. J. Edgar can get it for you.

10 West 42nd Street  
New York, N.Y. 10018  
JULY 12, 1957

JOHNSON ANGLISH

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No fact was said

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URGENT 5-17-67 SKZ

TO DIRECTOR & NEW YORK (9-4579)

FROM LOS ANGELES (9-3672)

[REDACTED] JUDGE IRVING H. KAUFMAN, U. S.  
COURT OF APPEALS, SEAY - VICTIM. EXTORTION. OO: NY.

RE NY AIRTEL TO THE BUREAU MAY FIFTEEN LAST, AND NY TEL  
TO THE BUREAU TODAY.

[REDACTED] WAS INTERVIEWED AT HIS RESIDENCE.

[REDACTED] HE ADVISED THAT HE IS A PATHOLOGIST AND  
MAINTAINS OFFICE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HE READILY ADMITTED CORRESPONDING  
WITH JUDGE KAUFMAN, SENDING AEROX COPY OF NEWS CLIPPING  
WITH TYPE WRITTEN MATERIAL TO THE RESIDENCE AND OFFICE  
OF THE JUDGE IN NEW YORK.

[REDACTED] EXPLAINED THAT HE DESIRED TO ESTABLISH COMMUN-  
ICATIONS WITH JUDGE KAUFMAN AND WAS ATTEMPTING TO PROVOKE A  
END PAGE ONE

*Judge K  
advised*

*5/19/67*

*[Signature]*

*[Signature]*

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RESPONSE. THE COMMENTS TYPEWRITTEN ON PAGE WERE "A  
CIVILLY JOKE WITH A MORAL" TO STIMULATE A REPLY AND TO DIRECT  
THE "EXTREME THOUGHT BE GIVEN TO ALL SERIOUS JUDGMENTS WHICH  
CONCERN THE TAKING OF A HUMAN LIFE." THE NEWS ITEM SOMEWHAT  
PARALLELED AN ARTICLE CONCERNING JUDGE KAUFMAN'S VISIT TO A  
SYNAGOGUE DURING THE ROSENBERG TRIAL PERIOD. [REDACTED]  
EXPLAINED THAT THE HEBREW PROSE AND PRAYER WERE TO FURTHER  
POINT THIS UP. THIS AND OTHER COMMENTS USED WERE TO GET  
ATTENTION AND TO STIMULATE THE JUDGE'S CONCERN IN MATTERS  
INVOLVING THE TAKING OF A HUMAN LIFE.

[REDACTED] SAID THAT HE DID NOT INTEND THE LETTER OR b7C  
CALL TO BE A THREAT NOR DID HE DESIRE TO CREATE ANY ANXIETY  
FOR JUDGE KAUFMAN OR HIS WIFE AND APOLOGIZED IF SUCH WAS THE  
CASE. THE CALL WAS SOLELY TO DETERMINE IF THE JUDGE HAD  
RECEIVED THE MESSAGE AND UNDERSTOOD ITS PURPOSE.

[REDACTED] EXPRESSLY STATED THAT HE DID NOT INTEND TO  
DIRECT ANY FURTHER CORRESPONDENCE TO JUDGE KAUFMAN AND THAT  
THE PURPOSE OF THIS LETTER WAS FULFILLED IN THAT THE JUDGE  
HAD OBVIOUSLY GIVEN IT SERIOUS CONSIDERATION.

LHM BEING PREPARED FOR LOCAL DISSEMINATION TO U.S.S.S.

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FBI NEW YORK

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New York, New York  
May 19, 1967

Re: [REDACTED]

Judge IRVING R. KAUFMAN,  
US Court of Appeals,  
Southern District of New York -Victim  
Extortion

On May 19, 1967, [REDACTED]  
Judge IRVING R. KAUFMAN, Foley Square, New York City, furnished  
the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation with  
two letters received by Judge KAUFMAN that date. Both letters were  
postmarked May 19, 1967, at Culver City, California, and both  
bore return addresses of [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] The letter was addressed to  
the victim of the extortion, 1148 Park Avenue, New York City,  
and the other letter was addressed to the victim at his office,  
US Court House, Foley Square, New York.

Each letter contained two identical xerox copies  
of an article from the "Los Angeles Times" dated May 13, 1967, which  
article referred to President Johnson's alleged visit to a Catholic  
institution for divine guidance relative to the Vietnam situation.  
The message to Judge KAUFMAN was typed above the newspaper article  
and read as follows:

"Esteemed Sir,

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judicial power, and intending no disrespect thereto, may I submit  
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3-Bureau  
1-Los Angeles  
1-US Secret Service, NYC  
1-BSSI, NYCPD  
1-NY 9-4579

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conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the  
FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents

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"Please help me in my agonizing perplexity: since the P.O. is not altogether reliable, RESPOND BY REGISTERED MAIL  
SPECIAL DELIVERY.

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
"post scriptum: I have lost my AGN, perhaps it was with my blood in africa, italy, or france. J. Leger can get it for you. "

Printed under the typewritten message to Judge KAUFMAN were Hebrew characters representing a proverb from Talmud, "if I don't take care of myself who will". In addition to the above proverb there was a beginning of a prayer for the dead in Yiddish, "Oh God of mercy".

On May 17, 1967, Mrs. HELEN KAUFMAN, wife of Judge KAUFMAN, advised the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that at 9:00 a.m., New York time, on that date, she had just received a telephone call from [REDACTED]. Mrs. KAUFMAN stated that [REDACTED] asked her if Judge KAUFMAN had received his letter and questioned her as to Judge KAUFMAN's whereabouts. [REDACTED] indicated to Mrs. KAUFMAN that he was expecting some response from Judge KAUFMAN and requested that Judge KAUFMAN call him at telephone number [REDACTED] in Culver City, California. b7c

On May 17, 1967, [REDACTED] was interviewed by Special Agents of the Los Angeles Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at [REDACTED] residence. [REDACTED] advised that he is a [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] readily admitted corresponding with Judge KAUFMAN and sending the photocopies of the newspaper clipping to the residence and office of Judge KAUFMAN in New York.

[REDACTED] explained that he desired to establish communications with Judge KAUFMAN and was attempting to provoke a response. [REDACTED] stated that the comments typewritten above the newspaper article were a "joking with a moral" to stimulate a reply and to direct that "extreme thought be given to all serious judgments which concern the taking of a human life". He explained that the news item somewhat paralleled an article concerning Judge

KAUFMAN's visit to a synagogue during the ROSENBERG trial. [REDACTED] explained that the Hebrew proverb and prayer were to further point this up. He stated that this and other comments were used to get attention and to stimulate the Judge's concern in matters involving the taking of a human life.

[REDACTED] advised that he did not intend the letter nor telephone call to be a threat nor did he desire to create any anxiety to Judge KAUFMAN or his wife and apologized if such were the case. He stated the call was solely to determine if the Judge had received the message and understood its purpose. b7C

[REDACTED] expressly stated that he did not intend to direct any further correspondence to Judge KAUFMAN and the purpose of this letter was fulfilled, in that the Judge had obviously given it serious consideration.

On May 19, 1967, the facts of this case were discussed with Assistant United States Attorney STEPHEN E. KAUFMAN, Southern District of New York, who declined prosecution. It was Assistant United States Attorney KAUFMAN's opinion that since neither the letters received by Judge KAUFMAN nor the telephone call received by his wife, contained a direct threat of bodily harm, there was no violation of the Extortion Statute.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/22/67

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[REDACTED] said that he did not intend the letter or the call to be a threat nor did he desire to create any anxiety for Judge KAUFMAN or for his wife. [REDACTED]

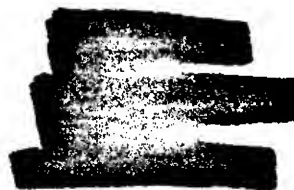
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The following description of [REDACTED]  
was obtained through interview and observation:

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